

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 1-25 were pending in this application. Claims 1-22 have been cancelled and new claims 26-30 have been added hereby. The newly added claims depend from allowed independent claim 23 and correspond to cancelled claims 16-18 and 21-22. For the reasons stated below, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims pending in this application are in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action claims 23-25 were allowed. Claims 1-4, 8-15 and 19-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bennett in view of Allison et al. (U.S. 2003/0003030); claims 5 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bennett in view of Allison et al. further in view of Tuomi (U.S. 2004/0093418); and claims 6, 7, 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bennett in view of Allison et al. further in view of Allison et al. (U.S. 2003/0083078). To the extent these grounds of rejection might still be applied to the claims presently pending in this application, they are respectfully traversed.

As noted above, claims 1-22 have been cancelled by this Amendment, thereby rendering moot the prior art-based rejections outlined in the Office Action. Accordingly, only allowed independent claim 23 and claims dependent thereon remain in this application. As such, this case should be in immediate condition for allowance.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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